

East Side Church

Life Notes

Christmas Grace: Rahab Pastor Kerry B. Robinson

Matthew 1:5a & Joshua 2 & 6:21-25

Grace Embrace #1: Christmas grace embraces us when we witness God's activity in the world.

Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you had fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melted away before you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath." —Joshua 2:8-11 (ESV)

Grace Embrace #2: Christmas grace embraces us when we want to participate in God's activity in the world.

Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." —Joshua 2:12-13 (ESV)

Grace Embrace #3: Christmas grace embraces us when we are willing to risk everything to share in God's activity in the world.

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." —Joshua 2:15-16 (ESV)

Grace Embrace #4: Christmas grace embraces us when we wait on God's timing for our deliverance and sustenance in order to impact the world.

But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.—Joshua 6:25 (ESV)